

## FINE ADDRESSES AT CHAUTAUQUA

The Program To Date Even  
Better Than The 1914  
Entertainments

### TICKET SALE SATISFACTORY

Enterprise of Civic League Ladies  
Results in A Good Sale of  
Season Tickets

The third annual Chautauqua opened Tuesday afternoon with a very good prospect and prospect of the finest program of musical entertainments, lectures, addresses and plays that Alma has ever seen. The seat sale which was undertaken by the ladies of the Civic Improvement League, was very satisfactory, thanks to the untiring efforts of those who had the sale in charge and at present everything points to an even better Chautauqua than last year.

Up to the time that this paper goes to press, the most striking feature of the Chautauqua is the unusually high quality of the readings and lectures which have been given. Sylvester Long in the "Hungry People" was at his best. The same was true of Frank Dixon in the lecture, "Taking Stock of a Town." Frank Dixon is one of the best known and most popular men in the United States. He has been a close student of civic conditions as they exist in the average American community and when he gives utterance to ideas for improvement, his words may be accepted as authoritative. He dwelt very largely upon means for the elevation of community life—just what must be sacrificed by certain classes that larger classes might be benefited.

The Music Makers gave a very excellent program Tuesday evening as did also the Savranoffs, Wednesday afternoon and evening. The Bureau was not far amiss when they pronounced, "The Man From Home" by Wells Watson Ginn, one of their strongest numbers. As an interpretive reading it must be ranked as one of the best given on the platform to-day. He portrayed the ten or twelve characters with amazing skill, painting each one with remarkable dramatic ability.

### REPUBLICS' DOWN MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY IN BASEBALL

The opening game of the Manufacturers' League with the Republics and Michigan Sugar Co. teams as the principals, was a clear-cut victory by the score of ten to three, for the boys who are putting Alma, on the track may. There wasn't enough baseball skill shown by either side to hurt the game in the least, but there was a whole lot of fun in store for everyone concerned. The versatile William Griffin who is reported about to leave the ranks of the Sugar Company employees for a place on the pay roll of the Alma Grain & Lumber Co., essayed to pitch for the Sugar boys. To be perfectly honest with William, it must be said that there have been better pitchers in the game—however, never did a more amiable or unperturbed pitcher in the national game, face the cruel bombardment to which he was subjected and remain amiable. The opposing pitcher was Faulkner. Except in the opening innings, he was never in danger of losing his game.

The employees of both factories were having their Saturday afternoon off, so that quite a crowd watched the contest. It was played on the Union School diamond. The first inning saw the only scoring done by the team which was ultimately defeated. Successive hits by Griffin, Wood, and Fletcher mixed up with a few non-descript errors were instrumental in producing three runs.

The truck boys scored in nearly every inning, severe clotting by Meade, Bates, P. Clark and others being responsible for the most of the scoring.

Next week, probably Friday or Saturday, the Masonic-Odd Fellow team will meet the Republics for the City title. Further announcements will be made later. On Saturday the Sugar Company team will go to Bay City to defend their claim to the big silver loving cup in a series of games with other branch Michigan Sugar Co. teams. Further announcements of these games will be made later.

"The Servant in the House" presented by the William Owen company promises to be a play of unusual worth. The company and its leader have a national wide reputation.

The Civic League will share in the receipts at the gate if they amount to over twenty five hundred dollars, including the season ticket receipts.

### BRUSKE TO DETROIT

Maxwell Contest Manager Transferred to Home Office Staff.

The withdrawal of the Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation from racing has made possible the transfer of Contest Manager Paul Hale Bruske, to a factory position in which he will have charge of the newspaper work of the company, with headquarters in Detroit. Mr. Bruske handled the Maxwell racing team from Jan. 1 to the date of its disbanding, during which period its drivers led all American cars in winnings.

Prior to his Maxwell connection Mr. Bruske did similar work on the staff of the Studebaker Corporation.

Mr. Bruske is really too well known to the majority of Alma people to need special comment. They are well acquainted with his brilliant work in the newspaper field and later in automobile advertising circles. He was a student in the college for several years while his father was president of the institution. For a time he was one of the editors of the Detroit Times. Since, his rise has been phenomenal.

### ILLINOIS PICNIC AUGUST 21st.

The annual Illinois picnic will be held at Wright Park, in this city, Saturday, August 21st. Basket dinners will be served at noon. In the afternoon a fine program of speech making, music and sports will be given.

There are a large number of former Illinois farmers in the surrounding counties and their annual picnic is one of the big social events of the summer. The committee which has the arrangements in charge is planning to make the 1915 roundup the most enjoyable ever held, and that will be a hard task too.

Every man, woman or child in Gratiot county is cordially invited to take in the big picnic on the 21st.

### WILL GRIFFIN NEW MANAGER

Alma Grain And Lumber Co. Holds Annual Meeting Wednesday

The appointment of Will Griffin as manager of the Alma Grain & Lumber Company, was confirmed at the annual meeting of the directors of the concern held Wednesday afternoon. Other officers were also elected. Mr. Griffin will succeed Mr. Patten who resigned.

Jotham Allen was re-elected president, Mrs. A. W. Wright was elected vice president, Henry McCormick, secretary, and L. A. Sharp, treasurer. The report of the secretary showed that the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. has enjoyed a very prosperous year, the sales for the past twelve months amounting to over three hundred thousand dollars. At the meeting it was also decided to purchase and have installed a new generator in the electrical department. This is a preliminary move towards a general overhauling and improvement of this department.

The selection of Mr. Griffin as manager seems to be a very wise move on the part of the company. For the past six years he has been head accountant at the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar Co., and was most highly recommended to the board of directors. He is well versed in up-to-date business methods and will bring to his new office, a business experience possessed by few men.

### RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Gratiot, Mich., to be held at Alma and Ithaca, on August 28th, to fill the position of rural carrier at St. Louis and Alma, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post-offices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

F. W. Ruggles, general manager of the Republic Motor Truck company, is on a trip through Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, completing arrangements for the shipping of new parts on a new Republic truck shortly to be announced.—Detroit Free Press.

Miss Esther Thomas of Saginaw, is spending her vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Martland, 51 East Alexander avenue, Detroit, Mich.

## GOVERNOR FERRIS HERE HEALTH WEEK

Newly Organized Club Secures Ablest Speakers Obtainable

### DATES OCTOBER 3RD TO 8TH

Club Known As Gratiot County Good Health Decided Week of Meeting Monday Night

A brand new organization, the Gratiot County Good Health Week, was born Monday evening for the purpose of putting a kink in the undertaking business. The spirits moving behind this infant club have no grudge against our enterprising funeral directors but they do intend to put a stop to this practice indulged in by a lot of people of going to their graves before they reach a hundred years. Dr. C. B. Gardner is president of the organization, Mrs. William A. Bahlke vice president and Mrs. G. V. Shepherd, secretary and treasurer. All people in Alma and surrounding communities who are vitally interested in taking better care of their fellow men are being enlisted in this movement and are being placed on the committees.

From October the third until the eighth, Alma will hear several of the best known medical and sanitation authorities in the United States. First of all there will be Victor Vaughan, Dean of the medical department of the University of Michigan and President of both the National and International Medical societies. Secondly, there will be Dr. Carolyn Barkin Crane probably the greatest authority on sanitation in the world who will make an inspection of the groceries, meat markets, etc., and make a public announcement of the sanitary conditions as she finds them. We hope and expect that she will be disappointed if she expects to find unsanitary conditions. But anyway she will tell of things just as she finds them whether they be pleasant or unpleasant. Then there will be the Governor, W. N. Ferris, who will give the meetings the official stamp of approval and who will deliver an address besides. But besides these three headliners in the medical and political worlds there will be several other celebrities among whom will be Dr. Warthin. Alma has never before entertained such a distinguished assemblage at one time. For five days, morning, afternoon, and evening, lectures, illustrated by stereopticon views, addresses, talks, demonstrations, etc., will be given in Alma.

Everything will be entirely free of charge, not even will a collection be taken. The committee wish this fact to be impressed on the minds of those who will take advantage of these opportunities. The state is footing every bill, and glad to do that. One hundred seventy five dollars which was earned by the sale of Red Cross seeds, is available for the work of the Good Health Week.

Mrs. V. H. Shepherd is the prime mover in the organization. For the past three years she has had charge of all tubercular work in Gratiot County as a special appointee of the State. Though the work undertaken by the Good Health Week will be to a large extent educational towards the prevention of tuberculosis it will not be entirely by a long way. Prevention of all kinds of diseases will be discussed.

### RAIN SPOILS EXCURSION

An intermittent downpour of rain from Sunday morning until Tuesday morning conspired to make the eleventh annual Sunday School excursion over the Ann Arbor, not altogether what it might have been. There were prospects, and trustworthy ones too, that at least twenty five hundred people would go to Traverse City for the day, or for the two-day stopover, as the case might be; but only one hundred fifty from Alma, braved the elements and took in the excursion.

The committee had secured from the railroad company, an excellent concession. The excursion was undoubtedly the most attractive one yet offered, but as a rule people hesitated about undertaking a vacation trip under the auspices of Jupiter Pluvius.

### EXCURSION TO FRANKFORT AND BEULAH (CRYSTAL LAKE)

On Sunday, August 15th the Ann Arbor Railroad will run a cheap, low rate excursion to Frankfort and Beulah, Michigan. See agents for particulars. adv-51

### HENRY SOULE LANDS BIG STATE JOB AT HOWELL

Henry Soule of this city was awarded the contract for the construction of two buildings for the state home for consumptives at Howell, last week, at a figure approximating twenty five thousand dollars.

One of the buildings which is to be a red brick is in the nature of an addition to the main building. The plans call for dimensions of one hundred twenty five by forty feet. A porch running the entire length of the building will be one of the main features. This, of course, will be built to make the out of doors more attractive to the patients. In all of the rooms with the exception of the attendants' and nurses' apartments, there will be no plaster on the walls and no connection for heating. There will also be a cold schoolroom. The cost of this building will be about twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

The other building will be a home for the consumptive children. It is to be a frame affair measuring one hundred twelve by fifty feet. The same plan of providing cold rooms will be followed out in this building also. This will cost practically the same as the brick building.

Mr. Soule will start work on this new job in about two weeks or just as soon as he completes the construction of the new schoolhouse in Alma, and under the terms of the contract he must have the job completed by the first of the new year.

They will be built on a hill which is the highest spot of land in lower Michigan. It is nearly two miles higher than the sea level and from the top of it can be seen objects twenty miles away.

### ALMA ELEVATOR IMPROVED

Thousand Dollars Spent in Improving Woodworth Avenue Plant

Repairs amounting to over a thousand dollars, are being made at the Alma Elevator company. When these are completed this elevator will be well equipped to handle a much larger business than it has in the past.

The improvement made at the Alma Elevator, of most importance, is the new Illinois Wagon Dump. This will do away almost entirely with the usual work required for unloading grains. The wagon is driven on the platform and when placed the back end of it is let down. The grain will go down a chute which is opened to take care of it. This will be a big boon to farmers who are in a hurry and have little time or inclination to unload their grain by hand.

A concrete wall costing nearly five hundred dollars, has been built under all the walls. A new grain cleaner room has been built and electric motors installed. All motive power will be furnished from the motors.

The present capacity of the plant is ten thousand bushels, when the capacity will be just doubled. The coal capacity will also be doubled. New sheds will be built just east of the present one, towards the mill race. This will give the elevator a fifteen hundred ton coal capacity.

The work has been directed by Joe Watkins, manager of the Elevator.

### NEW DOCTOR FOR ALMA

Dr. Thomas J. Carney, for twenty three years a hospital surgeon in New York and instructor in the medical department of Columbia and Cornell universities has leased an office suite in the Merchants' Realty block and will begin a medical practice in Alma beginning September the first. Last fall it was reported that this noted doctor was to establish offices in Alma but at that time he decided to look further for a location. The doctor says that no where in Michigan has he found a more attractive place to locate.

Dr. Carney is a graduate of the Long Island College Hospital. For three years he was an interne in the Lying-In Hospital of New York, for six years on the staff of the Women's Hospital, for fourteen years with St. Elizabeth Hospital of the same city. At the same time he gave a course of lectures at the two universities mentioned above.

With his wife and mother he will live in the new John Murphy house, on College street.

### THE ANNUAL MOODY REUNION OF THE SCHOOL OF 1862-'65

The Annual Moody Reunion will be held in St. Louis on Friday August 20th, on the High School grounds, in the grove. In case of bad weather it will be held in either the school building or the Christian Church, which is near the grove. All friends are invited. A pot-luck dinner will be served. The picnic will commence at ten o'clock. A jolly time is expected.

## BIG CELEBRATION HARVEST FESTIVAL

Field Sports, Balloon Ascension, And Automobile Parade To Be Headliner

### IN PLACE OF BOOSTER DAY

Alma To Hold Biggest Celebration of Year On Wednesday August 25th.

Alma will hold its first Harvest Festival, Wednesday, August 25th with the biggest celebration of the year. It will take place on the Monthly Booster Day, combining all the bargain features of that occasion with a day of sports, feature attractions such as a balloon ascension and parades etc. The keys of the city will be handed over to the farmers living within a radius of twenty five miles and one and all are invited to come to Alma, for a day of enjoyment.

Every merchant will shave off the price on some article or series of articles to a bargain price lower than cost, so that in a financial way everyone who attends the celebration from out of the city will be more than repaid for coming, but in point of enjoying an old fashioned good time along harvest day lines the Harvest Festival of August 25th will be a summer from daylight to darkness.

In the morning an automobile parade will be held with every car owned in Gratiot county, which is available, to be found somewhere in it. The parade which will undoubtedly be several blocks long will proceed along the streets of the city. The cars will be decorated in a way appropriate to the harvest season. To the car owned by parties outside of St. Louis, Ithaca, or Alma which judges shall decide is the best decorated, a prize of ten dollars will be given. A second prize of five dollars will be given. The prizes have been made large enough so that considerable inducement is given for the exercising of artistic skill. Personally, we have seen many stalks of wheat and oats on farms near Alma, that would make a mighty appropriate and suggestive decoration for the Harvest Festival parade.

To the auto dealer having the largest number of cars of his company's manufacture in the parade a prize of five dollars will be given. To the township having the largest number of home cars in the parade a prize of five dollars will be available to be used by any society which the township heads may name.

After dinner at one thirty o'clock a tag of war between the strong men of Summer and Seville townships will be held. To the winning team will go a prize of five dollars. At two o'clock a special match one hundred yard dash will be held. The race is open to everyone living in Gratiot county, outside of Ithaca, St. Louis or Alma. All entrants must be amateurs professionals being barred. One half hour later, or after the finishing of this race, a fat man's every man in city or country who can claim a weight of two hundred pounds or more. We can think of at least ten men right here in Alma, who make two hundred pounds look like a boarding house lamb chop, who would make it a real interesting race if they could be persuaded to enter. Take George Elsiech, Henry Miner, John Chick and a few others for instance. At any rate, there is one dollar in it for the heavyweight who can outdistance all competitors, and a half dollar for the second man.

A special race for country boys will also be held with one dollar going to the winner and fifty cents to the boy who finishes second. At three thirty o'clock, a sack race, at four o'clock a wheelbarrow race, at four thirty a biscuit eating contest and at five o'clock a pie eating contest will be held. To the winner in each case one dollar will go and to second best man a half dollar. In the case of the two latter races the money can undoubtedly be expended on dyspepsia tablets after the celebration is over.

Although a definite announcement cannot be given yet, it is very probable that a balloon ascension will be made at five thirty in the evening. The Alma City band will play throughout the day. The committee who has the celebration in charge is (Continued on Page 4)

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother.

C. O. Dunn and Children.

### TWO ALMA YOUNG PEOPLE LAND FINE JOBS

Chosen over fifty other contestants Chas. Button and Miss Mildred Kress were engaged, the fore part of this week, by the Cowen Entertainment Bureau, as road manager and head director, respectively of a series of home talent plays which the Bureau will stage in the larger cities of the state this winter. Miss Kress was chosen over thirty nine other young women, being given the call on the strength of her excellent work with readings and playing. Mr. Button was selected over sixteen others.

The two Alma young people won these honors in Ypsilanti. Their work will begin in September and last through the winter. They will stage their home talent plays in the following cities, Manistique, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Bay City, Lansing, Jackson, Muskegon, Battle Creek where they will open a new opera house, Kalamazoo, Escanaba and Traverse City. Miss Kress will direct the staging of the plays and train the participants, while Mr. Button will handle the job of road manager.

Neither of these young people are new at the theatrical game but they have never before had the opportunity to go into work on this scale.

### REPUBLIC ERECTS BUILDINGS

Floor Capacity of Plant Increased 35,000 Square Feet Upon Its Completion

A brick building with a floor space of over thirty five thousand feet, costing approximately twenty thousand dollars, will be started by the Republic Motor Truck people, this week, out of the main plant on Michigan avenue. This marks another step in the efforts of the company to get enough working room to manufacture the cars which the trade is demanding.

This new building which is to have over five times as much floor space as the former Miller Saw Trimmer plant, will resemble the old, or "mill" building, in many respects. It will have a concrete floor covering the entire floor space, monitors for roof lights and a thoroughly up-to-date heating plant. It will be roofed with the famous Barrett Specifications gravel roofing.

It will be peculiarly shaped, being open at one end with an open court in the middle of it. Consequently, from above it will resemble a big "U". The inner court is to be used for testing, parking of trucks etc. The dimensions of this court will be fifty by one hundred fifty feet. Both of the side wings will measure sixty by one hundred fifty feet, while the closed end's dimensions will be sixty by one hundred seventy feet. Altogether it will be a rather pretentious building and one that will go a long ways towards relieving the congested conditions at the factory.

The new building will be used for assembling, painting and housing the trucks. The Miller building will continue to be used for painting purposes for a time inasmuch as the company has a long lease on it.

The company asked a large number of contractors for bids, opening them Friday, but after thorough consideration the company's heads decided to do the work themselves, as a bargain was struck with a big lumber company whereby trucks were traded for building materials. Henry Soule of this city was the lowest bidder by a large margin.

However, the construction of this new twenty thousand dollar building will not be the only building being done by the Republic people, this summer. Already two other new buildings have been started and the construction of one has proceeded so far that it is being used already. One is of brick, sixty by one hundred feet costing three thousand five hundred dollars and the other of frame construction, much larger being four hundred sixty by three hundred feet, and costing thirty seven hundred fifty dollars. The latter has a cement foundation.

The company has very generously allowed their employees a half holiday on Saturday, giving them the afternoon off. The foremen are about the only men who work then.

### WEATHER SUMMARY FOR JULY

Temperature	
Mean Maximum	79
Mean Minimum	60
Mean	69
Maximum	90 on 16th
Minimum	46 on 8th
Precipitation	
Total	2.80
Greatest in 24 hours	.72 on 2d
No. of days on which .01 or more precipitation fell	10
No. of clear days	8
No. of partly cloudy	12
No. of Cloudy	11
Thunder Storms	2-21
Total snow fall	0
P. M. Smith, Local Observer	

## 25 HORSES AT ST. LOUIS MATINEE

Biggest Race Meeting of The Year To Be Held At Sister City

### THURSDAY AUGUST 19TH

Alma, St. Louis and Breckenridge Driving Club Plan Two Matinees With Big Entry List.

All interest is now centered in the matinee which will be given by the Alma, St. Louis and Breckenridge Driving Club. Their first matinee will be given Thursday afternoon, August 19th, at one o'clock, at St. Louis, and the second, one week later at Breckenridge.

The bell will tap at 1:00 o'clock sharp. 1-2 mile races \$20 a race and 1 mile races, prizes to equal \$20.00.

Program  
Free For All Trot, best 3 in 5, mile heats.  
Free For All Trot or Pace, best 3 in 5, mile heats.  
Class A Pace, best 3 in 5, 1-2 mile heats.  
Class B Pace or Trot, best 3 in 5, 1-2 mile heats.

Country Jay  
will give an exhibition race. He has been Michigan's fastest trotter for years and held trotting saddle record for 7 years. Country Jay has just returned from Europe where he has been giving exhibition races as he will at Breckenridge, Aug. 26th. No one can miss seeing this great trotter.

Following are the horses who have already signed up for both meets:  
Lady Hick, Neil McNamara, Alma; T. C. Mike Cooper, Alma; Paddy Mach, Bert Eckert, Alma; Meadow Boy, Bert Hyde, Alma; Angeline S. Reit, McNabb, Alma; Geo. Robbins, R. M. Hyde, Alma; My Lady, Ash Grove, Alma; Lady Almont, Lu Shaffer, Elm Hall; Lady Johnson, J. W. Johnson, Elm Hall; Allis S., Fuller, Ithaca; High Notes, Fuller, Ithaca; Royal Cressies, Mark Ardue, Evert; Lady Redpath, Shaw Bros., Mt. Pleasant; Billie D., Wm. Donahue, Mt. Pleasant; Prince Henry, Frank Sexton, Breckenridge; Tramp Bell, Tom Shepherd, Breckenridge; Alex McGregor, Dell Giles, Breckenridge; Maud Hook, Will Bissell, Breckenridge; Jenny Belle, Merrill Vibber, Breckenridge; Marguett, H. Bowman, Breckenridge; Miss Youry, P. Youry, Breckenridge; Sidwood, Pattison & Colburn, St. Louis; Mab. George Pattison & Colburn, St. Louis; Panama Girl, Pattison & Colburn, St. Louis; Dillard L., G. Houseman, St. Louis; Strathheart, G. Houseman, St. Louis; Billie Blue, Geo. Houseman, St. Louis; Gladwin Boy, Lew Martin, St. Louis; Highland Boy, Roy Nigley, St. Louis.

We also have the promise of a few horses from Saginaw, if the weather is favorable. This is going to be the largest and best matinee ever held in Gratiot County. Every effort will be made to have the tracks in good condition. Lots of room for your auto and will be arranged so that you will be able to see all from your car. Most of these horses will soon leave for the races. You have better horses in your own town than you think. Why not come out and see them race. Admission will be 25c, children under 12 yrs. free.

Starters: Chas Merrell, for St. Louis; Will Cushing, for Breckenridge. Judges: C. F. Brown, Alma; Geo. Kemp, Alma; Dr. Kemp, St. Louis; Ben Gardner, St. Louis; Byron Watson, Breckenridge; Al Crawford, Breckenridge.

All horses will be classed by Ben Gardner, St. Louis; Chas. Plovman, Alma; Chas. Merrell, Breckenridge.

### Editor Alma Record:—

On behalf of the Michigan Child Welfare League, I wish to thank the people of Alma for the hearty support given the League; and especially The Record for publicity given; Crandall & Scott for the use of their store for headquarters; the ladies of the local committee who proved most efficient workers and the girls who sold tags and also Mr. Carl Washburn and Mr. Knoetzer, who assisted in handling the funds.

Receipts for the day were \$54.24. Respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Mable M. Howard,  
Dis. Supt.  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mrs. Henry Thode of San Antonio, Texas, is spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glas. W. E. Wood of Lansing, also spent Tuesday with them.